

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/GB00/02483, filed June 26, 2000, which international application was published on January 25, 2001 as International Publication WO 01/05687. The International Application claims priority of European Patent Application 99305619.1, filed July 15, 1999.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 1 insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 2 insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Before the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 2 insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (amended) A storage and retrieval system comprising:
at least one storage tray comprising plural storage holes;
at least one gas supply port; and
a gas supply manifold for supplying, in use, pressurised gas to the at least one
gas supply port; wherein

the tray is arranged such that ~~it is~~ can be moved with respect to the manifold in order to align a selected storage hole in the tray with the port such that, in use, pressurised gas can be applied to the selected hole via the port in order to allow controlled movement of a container storage in the selected hole to a position in which it can be retrieved from the tray.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the gas supply ~~port~~ is configured such that the pressurised gas raises the container in use.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (amended) A system according to claim ~~1 or claim 2~~, wherein each hole has retaining member for retaining a container therein.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which there are provided plural trays, one arranged above another.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the manifold has plural ports formed therein.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. A system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the trays are circular in shape.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. A system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the trays are rotatable with respect to the manifold.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. A system according to claim 1~~any preceding claim~~, further comprising means for controlling, in use, the pressure of gas supplied through the manifold in order to control the velocity or position of a selected container during retrieval and/or insertion.

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